

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## MARINA DIMITRIJEVIC

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRWOMAN

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FIRST OFFICIAL BILINGUAL STAFFER DESIGNATED AT COUNTY BOARD

**Milwaukee, WI –** Milwaukee County Board Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic, who is fluent in Spanish, is pleased to announce that she has designated a County Board Legislative Assistant, Alexis Gassenhuber, to serve as the Board's first official bilingual

staff member.

In addition to the new duties, Gassenhuber will continue to serve as the

Legislative Assistant to Supervisor Patricia Jursik.

"Milwaukee County's Hispanic population is growing, and Ms. Gassenhuber's fluency in Spanish will help all Supervisors and staff translate documents internally and respond to constituents professionally," Chairwoman Dimitrijevic said. "I thank

Supervisor Jursik for graciously allowing Alexis to take on these extra duties."

Milwaukee County has two Supervisory districts containing a Hispanic majority

population. District 12 has a 70% majority, and District 4 has a 58% majority.

"It's great that we have this resource on the County Board, and I commend Chairwoman Dimitrijevic for making this service available to the entire office," said 1<sup>st</sup>

Vice-Chairwoman Peggy A. Romo West, the first Latina elected to the Board.

Spanish-speaking constituents can reach Alexis Gassenhuber at 414-278-4432.

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